

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 10-12 are pending in the application. The Examiner has withdrawn the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of claims 3-4 and 11-12 in the Advisory Action. Paper No. 10, page 1. Claims 1-2 and 10 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants have amended claim 3 to be written in independent form. Further, Applicants have canceled claims 11-12 as they are identical to newly amended claim 3 and claim 4, respectively. Hence, claims 1-4 and 10 are pending. The amendment to claim 3 and the cancellation of claims 11 and 12 should be entered as they reduce the issues of appeal. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections to claims 1-2 and 10 for at least the reasons presented in the response having a mailing date of March 21, 2003 and file a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith.

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CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 1-4 and 10 in the application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an early allowance of such claims.

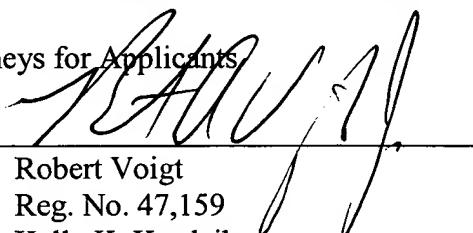
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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